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20 educational technology projects to share \$1.8 million

Enhancing Education Through Technology grants target professional development

MADISON—Federal grants totaling \$1.8 million went to 20 projects designed to improve student achievement through the use of educational technology.

“Our students are surrounded by technology. These grants will help educators capitalize on students’ interest in technology to create engaging and interactive learning environments that improve academic achievement,” said State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster.

Wisconsin set a priority to require that 60 percent of the state’s Enhancing Education Through Technology competitive grant funds be directed toward professional development that will help educators infuse educational technology into their classroom practice.

“Knowing how to effectively use technology is vital to both students and teachers. We can help educators gain the confidence and experience to use technology as a learning tool that improves student academic performance,” Burmaster said.

Professional development activities that are part of the competitive grants include collaborative teams comprised of a school library media specialist and classroom teachers from the same school. They will engage in activities that focus on integrating instructional technology tools and strategies, including distance networks and emerging e-learning technologies, into daily teaching and learning. The projects are ongoing and aligned with National Staff Development Council Standards. Grant staff development activities relate to the state’s information and technology literacy standards and the district or districts’ combined information and technology plans.

Grants also include data-driven evaluation and a dissemination component to ensure that products and lessons from the projects are shared across the state. Grant recipients may share lesson

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plans, curriculum maps, professional development programs, and other work products within the consortium and throughout the state through professional workshops, institutes, or conferences; through a web-based clearinghouse or other on-line dissemination sites; or through face-to-face or virtual site visits.

Wisconsin's \$3.1 million Enhancing Education Through Technology grant includes funds awarded on a formula basis and \$1.8 million awarded for competitive grants. Competitive grants went to school districts or consortia made up of school districts; cooperative educational service agencies; institutions of higher education; for-profit businesses or organizations involved in the design, production, or application of technology instruction; or public or private nonprofit organizations with expertise in the application of educational technology instruction. Projects serving high-needs schools—schools with a high population of economically disadvantaged students or a school identified for improvement or corrective action under state and federal accountability guidelines—received funding priority. The 20 competitive grants impact 214 school districts.

"Ensuring that all students have the opportunity to use educational technology bridges the digital divide and is an important part of our New Wisconsin Promise: to provide a quality education for every child and close the achievement gap," Burmaster said. "These grants are targeted to help educators develop teaching methods and instructional strategies that use technology to improve student academic achievement."

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ATTACHMENT: A list of Title II D: Enhancing Education Through Technology competitive grants follows.

Enhancing Education Through Technology

Competitive Grant Awards for 2006-07

Brodhead School District

Albany, Brodhead, Clinton Community, Evansville Community, Milton, Parkview, and Wisconsin School for the Deaf, **\$75,000**

CESA 3

Argyle, Benton, Black Hawk, Boscobel Area, Cuba City, Darlington Community, Dodgeville, Ithaca, Richland, River Ridge, Seneca, and Wauzeka-Steuben, **\$75,000**

CESA 4

Alma, Alma Center, Arcadia, Bangor, Black River Falls, Cashton, Cochrane-Fountain City, De Soto Area, Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Hillsboro, Holmen, La Crosse, La Farge, Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton, Onalaska, Royall, Sparta Area, Viroqua Area, Westby Area, Whitehall, and Woneewoc-Union Center, **\$100,000**

CESA 5 (2 Projects)

Auburndale, Baraboo, Columbus, Mauston, Montello, Necedah Area, Nekoosa, New Lisbon, Pardeeville Area, Pittsville, Portage Community, Poynette, Randolph, Rio Community, Westfield, Wild Rose, Wisconsin Dells, and Wisconsin Rapids, **\$100,000**

Evaluating States Educational Technology Program (Continuation of research project treatments for ESETP grant), **\$100,000**

CESA 6

Erin, Fond du Lac, Markesan, Princeton, Ripon, and Rosendale-Brandon, **\$72,580**

CESA 7

Algoma, Ashwaubenon, Brillion, Cedar Grove-Belgium Area, Elkhart Lake-Glenbeulah, Gibraltar Area, Howard-Suamico, Kewaunee, Kiel Area, Kohler, Luxemburg-Casco, Manitowoc, Mishicot, New Holstein, Oostburg, Random Lake, Sevastopol, Sheboygan Area, Sheboygan Falls, Southern Door County, Stockbridge, Sturgeon Bay, Two Rivers, Valders Area, Washington, West De Pere, and Wrightstown Community, **\$100,000**

CESA 8 (2 Projects)

Bonduel, Menominee Indian, and Wittenberg-Biramwood, **\$50,000**

Coleman, Crivitz, Florence, Gillett, Lena, Oconto, Oconto Falls, Peshtigo, Suring, and Wausaukee, **\$71,602**

CESA 9

Antigo, Boulder Junction J1, Elcho, Lac du Flambeau #1, Lakeland UHS, Merrill Area, Minocqua J1, Mosinee, Northland Pines, Phelps, Prentice, Rhinelander, Rib Lake, Tomahawk, and Woodruff J1, **\$100,000**

CESA 10

Abbotsford, Altoona, Augusta, Birchwood, Bloomer, Bruce, Cadott Community, Chippewa Falls Area, Colby, Cornell, Eleva-Strum, Elk Mound Area, Fall Creek, Flambeau, Gilman, Gilmanton, Granton Area, Greenwood, Ladysmith-Hawkins, Lake Holcombe, Loyal, Medford Area, Mondovi, Neillsville, New Auburn, Osseo-Fairchild, Owen-Withee, Spencer, Stanley-Boyd Area, Thorp, and Weyerhaeuser Area, **\$100,000**

CESA 11

Chetek, Cumberland, Durand, Frederic, Grantsburg, Hudson, Luck, Plum City, Prescott, Rice Lake Area, Shell Lake, Spooner Area, Turtle Lake, and Webster, **\$100,000**

CESA 12

Ashland, Bayfield, Butternut, Drummond Area, Glidden, Hayward Community, Hurley, Maple, Mellen, Mercer, Phillips, South Shore, Superior, Washburn, and Winter, **\$100,000**

Eau Claire Area School District

Blair-Taylor, Eau Claire Area, and Menomonie Area, **\$50,000**

Edgar School District

Athens, D.C. Everest Area, Edgar, Marathon City, Stratford, and Wausau, **\$72,560**

Green Bay Area School District

Denmark, Green Bay Area, Pulaski Community, and Seymour Community, **\$100,000**

Laona School District

Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine, Crandon, Goodman-Armstrong, Laona, Niagara, Wabeno Area, and White Lake, **\$69,770**

Madison Metropolitan School District

Madison Metropolitan, McFarland, Middleton-Cross Plains, Monona Grove, Sun Prairie Area, Waunakee Community, and Wisconsin Heights, **\$100,000**

Milwaukee Public Schools

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Mequon-Theisville School District

Kenosha, Mequon-Thiensville, New Berlin, and Racine, **\$96,812**

Whitewater School District

East Troy Community, Elkhorn Area, and Whitewater, **\$47,438**